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## Baldwin Park Man Accused of Killing Poodle

A Baldwin Park man accused of beating his poodle to death pleaded not guilty today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jason Arnold Vaca (dob 3/26/80) was arraigned on one felony count of cruelty to an animal in case KA105290. The defendant appeared before Judge Tia Fisher at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in West Covina.

Deputy District Attorney Kelsey McKeever-Unger said on March 18 authorities received a 911 call regarding a man yelling and the sounds of a dog being hit.

Responding officers identified the defendant's home as the source of the disruption. Inside the house, officers reportedly saw blood. As they entered the backyard, they found the body of a lifeless dog.

When authorities established that Vaca was the owner of the dead dog, he was immediately arrested. The defendant then bonded out on \$20,000 bail.

Vaca is scheduled to return to the West Covina Courthouse April 23 for a pretrial hearing. If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of three years in state prison.

The case was investigated by the Baldwin Park Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Annually, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecutes more than 60,000 felonies and 140,000 misdemeanor crimes.